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Broker Admits Borrowing Money From Customers, is Barred
Securities agent sold \$25,000 in notes to fund his business . . .

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – Richard E. Haskell, of Sandy, consented to the entry of an order by the Utah Division of Securities that bars Haskell from ever being licensed to sell securities in Utah. A \$10,000 fine was imposed, but payment was waived based on his inability to pay. Haskell admitted violating the law.

The Division of Securities issued a petition in February 2006 to revoke Haskell's license and impose a fine. Today's consent order concludes the Division's proceeding.

The Order finds that while Haskell was a securities agent for WMA Securities he persuaded another securities agent to give him \$10,000 for use in his company, Haskell Professional Services, LLC. He gave the investor a note, paying 24% interest, and personally guaranteed repayment of the note. He later took an additional \$15,000 from the investor, also giving a personal guarantee. Although Haskell made several payments on the notes, he ceased payments while owing the investor \$22,839.

When soliciting the investment from the other agent, Haskell falsely claimed the investment had no risk. He also failed to disclose that he had a state tax lien and lawsuits pending against him.

Haskell falsified records submitted to his broker-dealer. In those records, Haskell claimed he had not offered or sold securities except those approved by the broker-dealer and said he had not borrowed money from any other brokers at the firm. Further, he failed to disclose to his broker-dealer and regulators the true nature of the business Haskell Professional Services. The Order finds that he made misrepresentations to an investor, misrepresented information to his broker-dealer, engaged in dishonest and unethical business practices, and filed false documents with the Division.

The Order was reviewed and approved by members of the Securities Advisory Board.

Haskell was criminally charged in 2004 for this conduct. Pursuant to a 2005 diversion agreement, Haskell repaid the money to the victim and the criminal charges were dismissed.